IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph **[0034]** of the application as follows:

In the illustrated embodiment, each lever 99 is pivotally disposed in a tubular portion of the cartridge 95 to engage the plate spring 103 at one end and the pressure plate 31 at the other end. As shown in Figs. 5-7, the lever 99 is a generally flat plate having a rounded head 109 protruding above the cover 13 and a base having a curved bottom surface 113, a rounded toe 117 defining the radially inward edge of the lever, and a rounded heel 121 defining the radially outward edge of the lever. In the illustrated embodiment, the lever [[91]] 99 has a generally straight inward surface 125 extending downward from the head 109 to the toe 117 of the base and an inclined outward surface 129 extending downward from the head to the heel 121 of the base. As shown in Figs. 5 and 5A, the lever 99 is configured such that the rotation of the clutch assembly 1 causes a centrifugal force tending to pivot the lever in the cartridge 95 so that the heel 121 of the lever engages the contact pad 47 of the pressure plate 31, and the toe 117 of the lever engages the spring 103. The heel 121 has a rounded contact surface with a relatively large radius of curvature (preferably about 0.25 in.) to inhibit gouging of the pressure plate 31 when the lever 99 pivots into engagement with the plate. Preferably, the lever 99 is made from heat treated steel or other suitable wear resistant material. It will be understood that the lever 99 may have other sizes and configurations so that the force applied by the lever can be adjusted.